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Potsdam, N. Y., Nov 26th 1902.

Dear W. C. Robinson
Syracuse N.Y.

My Dear Sir — your kind & sympathetic letter of the 15th rec'd. I thank you very much for the kind words you wrote in regard to my dear wife. She lived a christian life in every way and every day. If there is such place as heaven there was a joyful meeting with her & our loved Graces for two better souls never left this earthly home. My wife was a slave to her family. She couldn't do enough for them. She never thought it a trouble to save them in every way possible.

On Thursday morning, between eight & nine o'clock she stepped out on the porch & fell, breaking her wrist.

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She got up. walked to the sitting room called to the girls upstairs telling them to send for the Dr, as she had broken her wrist. She seemed quite bright after the injury was attended to. In the afternoon the injured wrist became very painful. She sent for the Dr again. He loosened the bandages & left her, he thought all right.

When I came home to supper I noticed her speech was slow & like a person intoxicated. I asked her what the trouble was. She replied she thought the medicine caused it. She was sleepy. And before we finished supper she was sleeping. I didn't disturb her as I thought she would feel better after having rest. When I got home in the evening I saw she was unconscious. I tried to wake her but couldn't get any response.

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I called to Ethel to come down that her mother was dying. I could not find any pulse. her heart was still beating. We got two Drs to try & bring her out of it. but all failed.

She passed away at two a. m. Friday morning. We can hardly realize she has left us. it was so sudden. I can't take such as she did that all things are for the best. or it would not happen.

I thank you very much for your kindness to Clara in taking her home with you & looking after her comfort.

She met Will at the station that morning. Mame got home Sunday noon. She is going to remain at home.

Accept our heartfelt thanks. for your kindness & trouble.

Truly yours.

Wm Keenan.

Paterson, N. J.,
Oct 15 - 1902.

Mr. Robinson—

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me in this way. I have been very sick. Have been in the hospital at Utica since the last of July until a few weeks ago. My operation has left me in such condition that I shall be obliged to resign my position on Long Island and give up work for the rest of the year. And again I must ask

you to assist me
out of my troubles. If
you can conveniently
will you lend me
fifty dollars until I
get back to work. I
have some left after
my hospital bill but
I am afraid not enough
to last me as my
medicine are very
expensive. Judging
from the way I feel
now I shall not be able
to work until next
year. And I could
~~You~~ not return it
until then. Let me hear
from you.

Very respectfully
Thos M Kelly

Trust & Deposit Company of Onondaga,
Syracuse, N.Y.

FRANCIS HENDRICKS, PRESIDENT. ALBERT K. HISCOCK, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT.
JAMES BARNES, SECRETARY. FRANK H. HISCOCK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT.

Nov 3rd 1902

Dear Friend and Brother

Permit me to congratulate you on yesterday's success. I hear it on every hand, that you have fairly won your way into the hearts of your people,

I'm not in the least surprised at this, in fact anything less would have been a disappointment to one who not only wishes you the largest measure of success, but believes just that very thing is in store for you, and, through you, the church you serve. When you are fairly here shall be glad to meet you and give opportunity for growth to the very pleasant friendship already formed. With very Kindest regards for both you and your good wife, I remain

Yours very Sincerely
Lucius McKinne

I hope you'll find Walnut
as pleasant a shade as Elm.

48 Elm St
Potsdam N.Y.

My dear Mr. Robinson,

Custom says flowers, Congratulations, Greetings Etc and Showered upon One's Anniversaries, but I'm going to deviate from Custom and tell you that the Thirteenth Day of November is being honored and Celebrated in Potsdam by a "Tea" at the Presbyterian Church. And more, knowing your fondness for Chicken, we have launched into

the Extravagance of Chicken, real Chicken Salad.
It would give our Committee great pleasure to greet you and Mrs. Robinson at the Celebration, but sometimes great things have to go contrary to the Stars. (Such was not the case however in the reading of Hamlet last week for Mr. Hawkins was Hamlet)

Again I deviate from the Birthday order by recalling to you an Act of your own. Frequently you have expressed to

Mother your appreciation
of little comforts she has
anticipated for you. One little
act of yours, toward her,
stands out very prominent
to me. It was on the
morning when we went West
some four years ago, when
Kindness prompted you to come
to our door in the early
hour, as the coach was
waiting, to express good
wishes and to tender aid
and assistance should
there be opportunity.
The thoughtful act
was warmly appreciated

in the Home where formerly Father watched tirelessly the coming and going.

You may be interested in the cloud slips which tell their own story. I don't know whether they sang "Blest be the tie —" or not, but you know when they sang it was London the Pastor's family <u>un-packed</u>. Mr. Birch writes, Mrs. McWilliams was as loathe to go as Mrs. Robinson. By the way there seems to be

Something about the name Robinson that does it hold - We've just lost five apparently dear friends by the Hamer.

Give my love please to Mrs. Edgerton, Robinson and Stewart - and may the new year which has just opened to you be full of joy, blessings and good works -

Very Cordially Yours
Grace R. Knowles.

November thirtieth
Wrought Iron -

39 Chestnut Street.

Saturday November 8 -

Dear Mr Robinson,

You think easily and see clearly and so may I ask you if you will kindly give me your opinion! Do you feel your heart is yet with us here and the new duties not being fully taken up. I am sure you will not feel this a bother. I want to know what you would advise my doing. Do you remember I spoke to you once

of work in the County. For years I have hoped that some day I could give all my time to Christian work and to that end I have tried to prepare myself. And now I do not know which way to turn. I need no more of laborers, and whitened harvests, and it seems as though there might be some neglected little corner where I could help on the Kingdom, but I don't know where it is, or how to find it. Do you suppose I am too old to think of this? My heart is in it and God gives me much strength for His work. The people here hold on with the greatest interest every detail, they can get hold of, of your new surroundings, and how you worked and what you said &c. &c. But what did Mr Cosby mean by traveling on Sunday? he ought to be ashamed of that kind of Elders and it has grieved us most deeply. You will hear from others all about church and prayer meeting & how we miss good old Bro golden and the gathering of the scattered people a lot of good. But every time I see them they

were saying if Em and Mrs Robinson were only there. Mr Steele seems to get the people's attention and we had a large congregation on Sunday and a good prayer meeting. He is wishful of us to bring another meeting Wednesday and fill to overflowing the room. I hope his ministry here will be blessed and God's work go on. It is decided to have but one society for the children on Sunday afternoons and that to include the Mission Band and Junior Endeavor under one name to meet twice a month. The parents favor this greatly. It will be as Grace Sisson says, whether the mission work be one Sunday and Christian training the other or combined at both. Can you

think of a better name than "Junior Mission Band" Mrs. George Fuller may form the young girls into a society. So believing Grace Sisson and living in another world. I have had an invitation to spend January and February in Syracuse. If I may not do this year I will probably come to Chicago once or twice and see Mrs Robinson in your new home. I hope you are both resting and having a good time now in New York. Please give my love to your dear little wife. God keep and bless you all.

Your friend. Katherine R Knowles.

Geneva N.Y. Oct. 25/02

Dear Mr. Robinson –

I must heartily congratulate you on your Call to Syracuse – Not only as an evidence of your own advancement, but because I believe you are capable of doing a great work in that field – There is need of more enlightenment of the Presbyterian churches of that city, as you will learn when you reach there, if you have not already done so – Moreover also I believe that you will be able to lead the forces in that Presbytery who are in sympathy with the State Plan of Synodical Missions and place the feebler churches of that

Presbytery on an improved
plane - Now the churches of that
Presbytery do very little for either
Synodical or Presbyterial Missions,
after you eliminate the First
Church - I believe you can change
the tide, not violently but gradu-
-ally - I need be happy to call
on you when you are settled -
I have done a little in that
Presbytery and can do more when
the opportunity is afforded -
We are getting into better shape
every day & can pay our
Missionaries promptly Rev. 1.
We have had the best year of our
history, in the one just closing -
Your influence will be much
missed in St. Lawrence Presbytery,
but matters are in good shape there.
With congratulations again.
I am as ever Yours
Report of my J. Wilford Jacks
work enclosed